



MINUTES OF MONROE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting of August 5, 2025

MEETING HELD IN-PERSON AND VIRTUALLY

Meetings now open for in person attendance and also presented virtually via Microsoft TEAMS for those who wish to attend virtually.

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 12:00

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for Bob Groff, John Ferro & Clarence Murphy

Roll Call

Present: Black, Edinger, Fittos, Keegan, Miller, Parker, Roberts, Sherer, Staples, Ulanoski,

Virtual: Barzev, Hepner, Zipp, Belvin,

Excused: Pinho, Crosson, Harrison, Wallen

Absent: Murray, Fetterly, Meaders, Ringheiser, Sargent, Dickinson,

Guests: Patrick Phillips (Messer LLC), Rebecca Baker (Northumberland County EMA), Nathan Eilhner (Northumberland County EMA), Donald Osinski (Modern Gas Sales), Timothy Craven (PA DEP), Myles Bartos (US EPA), Erik Campos (Vigon/Azelis), Samantha Elliott (MCOEM), Rich Fetzer (NCC), Scott Ahner (TAD)

The minutes of the May 6th meeting were distributed.

Motion to accept minutes as distributed – Wallen/Black – Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- No Correspondence

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

- Balance sheet accepted as written.

Public Education

- Monroe County Public Safety Day will be held on

Compliance/Regulatory

- Keegan advised that 8 facilities had outstanding balances for the 2025 reporting year.

Emergency Response Preparedness

- Keegan advised that the Delaware State Fire Marshall had issued an advisory regarding the use of Class "L" fire extinguishers, which are being marketed for

Lithium batteries. There is currently a third-party independent testing lab approving the use of these extinguishers and NFPA does not recognize this as a class.

- Keegan reported that the US Fire Administration issued an Urgent Safety Advisory on hazards associated with the use of fire blankets for electric vehicle fire suppression. The advisory noted that the blankets would eliminate the flaming, but battery thermal runaway would continue creating hazardous gases that became trapped under the blankets and posed an explosion risk, in some cases.
- Fourteen (14) calls, twelve (12) hazmat responses since last meeting
 - Nine (9) fuel leaks
 - One (1) Poisoning
 - Two (2) Bomb/Explosives

OEM DIRECTOR COMMENTS

- Coolbaugh Twp ran a Haz-Mat Technician class this spring. The course was successful and there are plans to bring more Haz-Mat Technician training in the future.
- Following a review of the current membership for PEMA Annual Haz-Mat Report, all required membership categories are filled; however, some categories have more representation than others. Additionally, there are some members on the roster that have not attended meetings in a very long time. Would like to request that a deeper review of the membership roster be completed to see if there are spots that can be filled by individuals that are attending meetings as guests.
 - Miller asked that this be taken to the Executive Board for further discussion.
- Monroe County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update is now being reviewed by PEMA. Next step will be for the plan to be reviewed by FEMA and then sent to the municipalities of Adoption.

INPUT FROM LEPC MEMBERS

- Black reported that he attended the IAFC Hazardous Materials Response Team Conference in Baltimore in June. Reported about sessions that he attended and said it was a good conference.
- Edinger reported that due to many calls in the last quarter, response supplies were low. Requested purchase of supplies, to include booms and absorbent pads, not to exceed \$4000.00. Black/Roberts – Motion carried

PUBLIC INPUT

- None

LEPC CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

- Miller recommended that maps be drawn up with vulnerability zones around facilities and distributed to fire departments, so they are aware of evacuation zones prior to incidents.
- Keegan advised that currently all coordinates are being reviewed in HazConnect. Many of the facilities when submitting Tier II reports had short or incorrect coordinates that are making this process difficult. Once accurate coordinates can be confirmed, this project can move forward.

NEXT MEETING

- Tuesday, November 18th at noon.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

- Black/Edinger at 1300.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryellen Keegan
OEM Director